28. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a seal extending from an outer periphery of the diaphragm to a wall of the air chamber, the seal comprising first and second generally opposed disks defining an annular region for receiving air, and a pump operably connected with the annular region, the pump maintaining the air pressure in the annular region greater than the peak pressure generated in the air chamber.

21. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first motor operates at a speed sufficient to maintain the minimum frequency of the oscillators air flow generator at about five hertz.

22. (New) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the first motor rotates continuously during operation of the apparatus.

Remarks

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art cited in the parent application (serial no. 08/661,931), namely, Hansen (U.S. Patent 5,453,081) and Hayek (U.S. Patent 4,815,452). Claim 1, as amended, recites structure that is not found in Hansen or Hayek. The new claims and amendments add no new matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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